

Day Lodge Coming To Soldier Hollow

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A new day lodge will be completed by this December, just in time for next winter's World Cup skiing competitions at Soldier Hollow.

The structure was praised by state and local Olympic officials at a groundbreaking ceremony last Wednesday as a legacy to the Soldier Hollow venue and as a permanent facility that would benefit the state.

The 5,200 square-foot lodge, will be headquarters for ski

rentals, ski school and food concessions. The structure's \$880,000 cost was obtained by an appropriation spearheaded by Rep. Gordon Snow, of the Utah Legislature.

Howard Peterson, executive director of the Soldier Hollow Legacy Foundation, said novice skiing trails will connect the lodge to the site's main Olympic trails.

"This is not just a racing system," Peterson said. "There will be 40 kilometers of trails when the Olympics are over," adding that an "easy" trail will connect

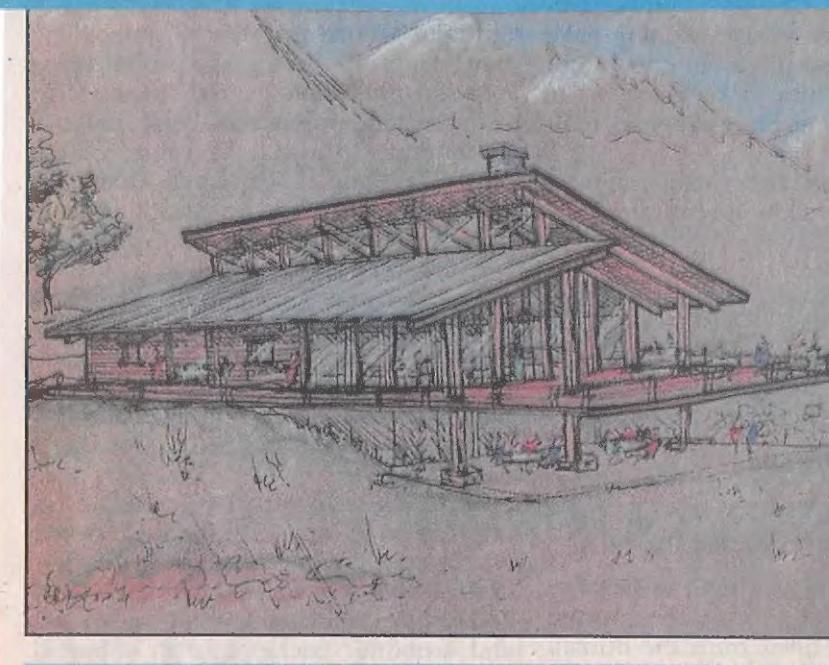
the Heber Valley Railroad with the lodge.

Peterson said his goal is to draw 4,000 skiers annually to the site during the next five years. After the Olympics, the goal will be to bring in 20,000 skiers each year to offset annual operational costs of \$440,000.

That means a boost to the local economy. Peterson cites a 1998 National Sporting Goods Association study that estimates destination travelers spending \$160 per person per day in areas they visit. A large number of those visitors will be Park City

alpine skiers who come to Soldier Hollow for one or two days for something different. In addition, skiing this winter will be free to any youth groups through high school, minus a nominal \$2 per person equipment/lesson fee.

The Legacy Foundation will act as the concessionaire of the lodge for the next 10 years. Peterson said the organization already has a head start. No debt will be owed on the lodge, and most trails and a snow making system are already in place, leaving only operational costs.



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Heber's Austin Cummings is flying high in aerial skiing. Cummings is helping launch the "Wheels to Winter" program for the Olympic Youth Sport program.

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Emotions ran thin Thursday evening as the Midway City Council approved, for the second time, a new Winterton's Market. Accusations of racial slurs dominated most of the nearly three-hour public hearing.

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